

**PSC SETS LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE IN
MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY RATE CASE**

Jefferson City (April 19, 2000)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold local public hearings in **Mexico, Warrensburg, St. Charles, Joplin and St. Joseph to receive customer comment on a water rate case filed by the Missouri-American Water Company.**

Local public hearings give customers of the Missouri-American Water Company an opportunity to comment on the rate case currently before the Commission. In addition, customers are given an opportunity to bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention.

The local public hearing schedule appears below:

<u>May 10, 2000</u>	<u>May 11, 2000</u>	<u>May 18, 2000</u>
Mexico	St. Charles	Joplin
Mexico Senior High School	Administration Building	Mo. Southern State College
Auditorium/Emmons Hall	Room 115	Matthews Hall Auditorium
639 North Wade	201 North Second Street	3950 East Newman
Road		
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
<u>May 31, 2000</u>	<u>May 31, 2000</u>	
Warrensburg	St. Joseph	
Municipal Building	City Hall, Council Chambers	
102 South Holden	11th and Frederick	
12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	

***PLEASE NOTE: One hour before the start of each local public hearing, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission will be available to answer questions from the general public.**

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On October 15, 1999, the Missouri-American Water Company filed water and sewer rate cases with the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Missouri-American Water Company seeks to increase water revenues by \$16.4 million (53.97%) a year and sewer revenues by approximately \$2,360 (5%) a year. The impact on a residential customer using approximately 6,000 gallons (8 Ccf) of water a month in each district of the Missouri-American Water Company appears below:

<u><i>District</i></u>	<u><i>Current Monthly Bill</i></u>	<u><i>Proposed Monthly Bill</i></u>	<u><i>% Increase</i></u>
Brunswick	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Joplin	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Mexico	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Parkville (Water)	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
St. Charles	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
St. Joseph	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Warrensburg	\$17.67	\$26.70	51%
Parkville (Sewer)	\$38.99	\$40.94	5%

Formal evidentiary hearings are scheduled for June 5-9, 2000 and June 15-16, 2000, in the Commission's hearing room which is located on the fifth floor of the Truman State Office Building in Jefferson City.

The Missouri-American Water Company serves approximately 95,022 water customers and 101 sewer customers in Missouri. Missouri-American serves approximately 486 water customers in its Brunswick District, approximately 22,058 water customers in its Joplin District, approximately 4,977 water customers in its Mexico District, approximately 4,465 water customers and 101 sewer customers in its Parkville District, approximately 25,971 water customers in its St. Charles District, approximately 31,068 water customers in its St. Joseph District and approximately 5,997 water customers in its Warrensburg District.

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